

SERIOUS ACCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS

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PURPOSE

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In conformance with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 330(h), a serious injury or serious illness is any injury or illness occurring in a place of employment or in connection with employment that: (a) requires inpatient hospitalization for more than 24 hours for other than medical observation; (b) involves the loss of a member of the body; or, (c) involves any serious degree of permanent disfigurement. For the purposes of this section, any event resulting in a fatality, serious injury or illness is considered a serious accident.

Recognition of a serious accident or near serious accident initiates a series of notifications and the associated gathering of facts.

Cal/OSHA Notification

As required by Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 342(a), methods exist to notify Cal/OSHA of any fatality, serious injury or serious illness in connection with employment. This does not include any injury or illness or death caused by the commission of a Penal Code violation, except the violation of Section 385 of the Penal Code, or an accident on a public street or highway.

Methods of notification include:

- CAL FIRE Operational and Program Notification (FC-800), 8100 Procedure 800 (For employees)
- Notification to California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA), 8100 Procedure 804 (For dispatching of resources)

National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Notification

Complete this report for fire-related entrapment and/or fatalities.

- PMS 405-1 - Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment Initial Report

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Notification

Complete this report for any firefighter fatality which occurs during responding to or engaged in fire suppression operations, investigative duties, emergency medical and rescue operations, within or outside of the State of California.

- Firefighter Line-Of-Duty Death, Governor's Office Notification

RESPONSIBILITIES

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Managers/Supervisors

- Provide immediate notification to the appropriate Emergency Command Center (ECC) when a serious accident occurs.

Department Safety Officer

- Ensure all required notifications are made.
- Ensure the appropriate ECC follows the 8100 PROCEDURE 800, Notification of Fatality/Serious Injury/Near Serious Accident (HB 8100).

PROCEDURES

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- Notification of Serious Injury/Fatality/Near Serious Accident (8100 Procedure 800) ([PDF](#))
- Notification to California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) (8100 Procedure 804) ([PDF](#))

RELATED INFORMATION

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Authority

- Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 330(h) – Definitions ([WEB](#))
- Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 342(a) – Reporting Work-Connected Fatalities and Serious Injuries ([WEB](#))

Forms

- CAL FIRE Operational and Program Notification (FC-800) ([DOC](#))
- PMS 405-1 - Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment Initial Report ([PDF](#))
- California Fire Service Line-Of-Duty Death Notification, form and procedures page ([WEB](#))

Related Policy

- 8100 PROCEDURE 800, Notification of Serious Injury/Fatality/Near Serious Accident ([WEB](#))
- 8100 PROCEDURE 804, Notification to California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) ([WEB](#))

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